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Pakistan

I. Status and Strength of the Pakistan Communist Party

The small Communist Party of Pakistan has been banned since 1954 and operates with some caution to avoid government reprisals. Communists work through other organizations, particularly labor and youth groups, <sup>but their main influence is in</sup> some of the non-Communist parties. They have made little headway with the peasants. <sup>Communists occupy many key positions newly.</sup> They are active within the newly formed National Awami Party, through which they seek to shift the country to a neutralist foreign policy. ~~a grouping of small dissident parties which operates in West Pakistan, where the Communist Party is quite weak, as well as in the eastern wing.~~

II. Sabotage Action and Potential

Information about sabotage in Pakistan is generally negative, with the exception of a few riots the Communist Party instigated in 1952, <sup>and</sup> early 1953. In October 1957 the Pakistan Army was reported to have evidence that riots which had occurred at an ordnance factory in Lahore had been provoked by the Calcutta branch of the Communist Party of India.

In view of the Pakistan Communist Party's present <sup>objective</sup> ~~and~~ the relatively small influence of the political groups into which ~~the~~ <sup>there is little</sup> Communist Party has infiltrated, <sup>that extensive</sup> the likelihood of sabotage or terrorism of an <sup>will</sup> ~~extensive scope~~ being undertaken in the near future ~~is slight~~.

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